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The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
844 N. King Street
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Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: ***John Turner et al v. B.V. Shipping Company LUZON STRAIT (Groningen)***
Civil Action No. 04-cv-0936 (JJF)
Our File No. 7962-056

Dear Judge Farnan:

We are writing on behalf of the parties to the captioned action to report on the status of this matter pursuant to the Court's Order of November 3, 2005.

The parties attended a mediation session before Magistrate Judge Thyng on January 17, 2006 and are waiting for confirmation from the compensation underwriter for the plaintiff's employer for the completion of a settlement which involves a contribution by the compensation underwriter. The parties shall provide a further report once the mediation process is finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

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